

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING, 3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY
ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Conner.

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Conner	present		
Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	present
Mr. McDonald	present	Mr. Smith	present
Mr. Vance	present	Mr. Wathen	present

Motion made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Wathen to approve the minutes from the last meeting as received. All ayes with the exception of Ms. Dummitt who was absent.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Smith	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Dummitt, absent.

Ms. Mayes, invited everyone to come to the festival which begins Friday at 6:00 p.m. There will be a horseshoe tournament, karaoke and a balloon glow on Friday. On Saturday from 7:00-11:00 a.m. there will be a pancake breakfast, corn hole tournament at 2:30 p.m. and the fireworks at dark.

Mr. McDonald, no report.

Mr. Smith, no report.

Mr. Vance, no report.

Mr. Wathen, no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading: Ordinance No. 2, Series 2006 – Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Introduced by Mr. Smith. Motion by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen. All ayes with exception of Ms. Dummitt who was absent and Mr. Vance who voted no.

Mr. Vance asked what is the tax rate difference going to bring into the City?

Mayor Conner said it's not much.

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk said this is at the compensating rate which is calculated by the State using the new property assessments we get from PVA as well as last year's assessments and they go by a formula using these calculations they then come to what is called a compensating rate and that's the least the City can set the tax rate at. They also provide a maximum rate. Basically what the compensating rate means is that even though it is larger than last year's rate which was .297 and this year's is .325 which will bring in the same revenues for the City as we received last year. It is a tax increase but, because some property values have lowered, the homestead exemption and vacant properties it will only bring in the same revenues for the City as last year but will not bring any additional. The City could choose to go with the maximum but, it was set at the compensating rate. Also, KRS law states you cannot use last year's tax rate because you can't go below the compensating rate.

Mr. Ricardo Aguayo asked what is this going to do to those that have delinquent taxes?

Mayor Conner said this rate has nothing to do with delinquent taxes. Whatever they owe they still owe. It's not going to make any it lesser or higher.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Smith	yes
Mr. Vance	no	Mr. Wathen	yes

Second reading: Ordinance No. 3, Series 2006 – Setting Salaries for City Officers. Introduced by Mr. Smith. Motion by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen. All ayes with exception of Ms. Dummitt who was absent.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Smith	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

Second reading: Ordinance No. 4, Series 2006 – Adopting Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Introduced by Ms. Mayes. Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Vance. All ayes with exception of Ms. Dummitt who was absent.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Smith	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

M.O. No. 20, Series 2006 – Providing for Advertisements for Bids on a New Garbage Truck. Introduced by Mr. Smith. Motion by Mr. Vance, second by Mr. Wathen. All ayes with exception of Ms. Dummitt who was absent.

Mr. McDonald asked are we going to open the bids at 12:00 p.m.?

Mayor Conner said yes.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dummitt	absent	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Smith	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

First reading: Ordinance No. 5, Series 2006 – Accepting Bid of Basham Construction for the Grandview Drive Drainage Project. Introduced by Mr. McDonald.

Mayor Conner said Paula Walker from the Code Enforcement Board is going to give us a report from the seminar she attended recently.

Ms. Paula Walker thanked the City for allowing her, Pat Stevenson and Carl Chapman to attend this seminar in Mt. Sterling. It was very informative and we have some ideas that we would like for the City to consider. The City of Newport was there and they said their property taxes increased by 55%. They concentrate on certain areas and let them know what's going on and give warnings. It was also suggested that those who have rental property need to get a business license that way it will help knowing who owns the property. They also had a mock court set up where we actually had a hearing and an attorney. We have some plans we'd like to present to you and a representative will be at the July 10th meeting.

Mr. Wathen asked is this something that is done every year so you all can keep updated on code enforcement issues?

Ms. Walker said she didn't know because this was presented by the KY League of Cities. She also would have liked to have more round table time to discuss issues so maybe we can concentrate on legal issues and how to handle properties. I think this is something that is sponsored every year.

Mr. Wathen said why don't you look into that because it sounds like something that is really benefiting to you all so we can plan for it next year.

Ms. Walker said maybe the other board members could have an opportunity to go. It was a last minute thing for us. I just happened to find it on the KY League of Cities website and you all were kind enough to allow us to go.

Mr. McDonald said the city council members are on the KY League of Cities mailing list and we get updates from them. If you give them your addresses, you all can receive mailers from them too. You can also make suggestions to them because I'm sure that is how they keep up.

Ms. Walker said there were some code enforcement boards there for the first time, some that had experience and others who had none so some of the questions were very broad and we just ran out of time.

Mr. Wathen asked how long was the seminar?

Ms. Walker said three hours.

Mr. Wathen said the next time maybe suggest all day where you can get more out of it. Having the mock trial is impressive.

Mayor Conner said they met with me earlier today and I think it's interesting that when they went by some areas, the crime rate in that area also dropped.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Ricardo Aguayo, 3306 Wessel Road asked has the walking track funds been approved?

Mayor Conner said they have been approved and will be in next year's budget.

Mr. Aguayo also asked has the City considered a new playground and could that be included in the walking track fund money?

Mayor Conner said no the walking track money allotted from the State goes for that project and that's all we can use it for.

Mr. Aguayo then asked when will you know when can funds be allotted for a new playground especially for handicapped children because there are handicapped children

in this area. I know there is one at Louisville College. Also asked about portable toilets and asked why doesn't the park have a public restroom and where do people go during the festival do they come here to use the restroom?

Mayor Conner said there is a restroom it's the brown brick building at the foot of the hill but it's usually vandalized so much that we hardly ever open it but it is there and we have portable toilets for the festival.

Mr. Wathen said we can open it today but it will be broke tomorrow.

Mr. Aguayo then asked do we just have one basketball goal in the park?

Mayor Conner said there is one in the park and two at Leeds Park.

Mr. McDonald said the park is only so big and you can over pack it and now we're getting the walking track and we do have one basketball goal. Since you can't play basketball or any athletic games in the street, we really have to pick and choose what we can put in the park.

Mr. Wathen said we had a full court in the park at one time but, when we redid the community building it took up part of the court.

Mr. McDonald said we are thinking of putting up two more goals in the park at the bottom of the hill.

Ms. Mayes said they can also go to community schools at Cane Run Elementary because they have several programs there.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Wathen to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Ayes have it, so ordered. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK